

January 15, 2001

TO THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES:

I am directed by the Governor to advise you that he has approved the following House Bill:

H.B. NO. 524: AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR A STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION FOR THE PURPOSE OF SELECTING THE OFFICIAL FLAG OF THE STATE OF MISSISSIPPI; TO SET THE DATE OF APRIL 17, 2001, FOR THE STATEWIDE SPECIAL ELECTION; TO ALLOW THE ELECTORATE TO VOTE FOR ONE OF TWO FLAG DESIGNS; TO SPECIFY THAT ONE OF THE DESIGNS SHALL BE THE 1894 FLAG DESIGN AND THAT THE OTHER SHALL BE A PROPOSED NEW DESIGN; TO REQUIRE THE ELECTION TO BE ADMINISTERED BY MEANS OF BALLOTS CONTAINING A COLOR PICTURE OR DRAWING OF THE CHOICE OF DESIGNS PROPOSED FOR THE OFFICIAL STATE FLAG; TO REQUIRE THE SECRETARY OF STATE TO PROVIDE SUCH BALLOTS TO THE ELECTION COMMISSIONERS OF EACH COUNTY; TO MAKE, AS A CONDITION OF THE SELECTION OF THE PROPOSED NEW DESIGN, A PROHIBITION AGAINST THE ALTERATION OF CERTAIN HISTORICAL MONUMENTS AND MEMORIALS; TO REQUIRE THAT ANY INDIVIDUAL OR POLITICAL COMMITTEE MAKING CERTAIN CONTRIBUTIONS OR EXPENDITURES IN SUPPORT OF A CERTAIN FLAG DESIGN MUST FILE CERTAIN REPORTS DISCLOSING THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS AND EXPENDITURES; TO AMEND SECTIONS 23-15-351, 23-15-355 AND 23-15-805, MISSISSIPPI CODE OF 1972, IN CONFORMITY THERETO; AND FOR RELATED PURPOSES.

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Respectfully submitted,

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